

## ***PROCEDURE FOR FIREFIGHTER RECIPROCITY***

- (1) An applicant who has an original certificate for a certification level from an entity whose programs are substantially similar to the programs contained in the board's rules may apply for reciprocity. Programs accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and PRO Board are deemed to be substantially similar. The applicant must present the original certificate or a certified copy to the board along with a completed application for firefighter certification. Any seal or authenticating number on such certificate shall be intact and unaltered in any way.
- (2) An applicant who does not hold a certificate issued by IFSAC or PRO Board will be required to take the Indiana written and practical skills certification examination for the certification for which they are applying. If there is not an Indiana examination in place for the certification for which they are applying, the individual may submit a variance application, together with training and course completion records to the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education so the Board can determine if the completed program is substantially similar to Indiana standards.
- (3) If the applicant is requesting a variance for an operations, technician or command level certification, they must meet or request a variance from any prerequisite that may be required.
- (4) An applicant who is certified through PRO Board and wishes IFSAC certification must pass the Indiana written and practical certification examinations prior to an IFSAC certification being granted.